Construction of Elevated Highway

2692. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a pressing demand for construction of elevated highway from Thambaram to Chennai Port and from Madura Valla to Chennai Port;

(b) if so, the reaction of his Ministry in this regard; and

(c) if the said demand is accepted the total cost involved and the time-frame for the completion of the project.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Request to take up the project of Elevated Expressway connectivity to Chennai Port have been received from Chief Minister, Tamil Nadu and Chennai Port Trust.

(b) & (c) A four lane bypass from Tambram to Maduravoyal around Chennai city is already under construction at an estimated cost of Rs. 405 crore. Preparation of feasibility report for elevated four lane road from Maduravoyal to Chennai Port has been taken up recently. Cost and time of completion of this elevated four land road is subject to the outcome of the feasibility report.

India's Future Manned Space Mission

2693. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) in what way the recent successful launch of 50 kg capsule to space would help India's future manned space mission;

(b) whether ISRO faced any hiccups during the launch and recovery of the above capsule; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) The successful launch and recovery of Space Capsule weighing 550 kg, has provided valuable technological inputs